

## **HOME OWNER'S EDUCATION LETTER**

Please be advised that although you as a homeowner can apply for your own building permit, we at the Building Department do not advise it for the following reasons:

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

1. The person who applies for and signs the building permit application is solely responsible for the job to be done. If you as the homeowner apply for the building permit you assume the responsibility for any damage or accidents that happen in the course of installation.
2. If you as the homeowner apply for the building permit you waive your rights to apply for the Home Improvement Contractor Guaranty Fund (a copy of which can be supplied to you for your review).
3. We strongly suggest that when you are considering a home improvement project that all contractors you hire be licensed and insured and that they take the responsibility of applying for the permit.

### **PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS**

1. Per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 142 homeowner's are not allowed to do any plumbing and gas installation in their own homes. You must hire licensed plumbers.
2. We strongly urge homeowner's to hire licensed plumbers who carry liability insurance as required by Chapter 142 of the MA General Laws. If you choose to sign the Owner's Insurance Waiver, you assume the responsibility for any damage or accidents that happen in the course of installation.

### **WIRING PERMITS**

1. We suggest you hire a licensed electrician to do wiring at your home.
2. We strongly urge homeowner's to hire electricians that carry liability insurance as required by MA General Laws. If you choose to sign the Owner's Insurance Waiver, you assume the responsibility for any damage or accidents that happen in the course of installation.

### **I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING HOMEOWNER EDUCATION LETTER**

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**HOMEOWNER'S SIGNATURE ADDRESS**\_\_\_\_\_